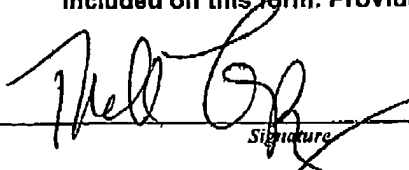



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This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 2, 2004. Please consider the following remarks.

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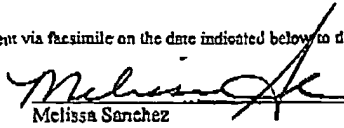
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